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## **REMARKS**

The claims pending in the above-identified application following entry of the foregoing amendments will be claims 11-27. Original claims 1-10 have been cancelled.

Claims directed to ophthalmic compositions containing moxifloxacin have been allowed in parent application Serial No. 10/200,868. The new claims submitted above are directed to the use of moxifloxacin to treat ophthalmic infections. As utilized in these claims, the term "treating" is intended to have its common, ordinary meaning, which includes both active and prophylactic treatment of a disease or disorder [see <u>Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary</u>, Twenty-sixth Edition, pages 1388 and 1389 (1981); copy attached].

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